(b) whether Government,s attention has been drawn towerds the acute necessity of a Notary Public in this Tehsil surrounded by a number of villages, if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in accoplishment of the task; and

(c) the present status of the matter and by when the action would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) The Central Government has taken decision to appoint Shri Inderjit Nohria, Advocate, as Notary to practise in Rhagapurana, Tehsil Reghapurana Distt. Moga, Punjab. The applicant has now to deposit the requisite fee for which necessary intimation has been sent to the applicant. On deposit of the requisite fee by the applicant, the Certificate of practice will be issued to him.

Recommendations of the National Judicial Pay Commission

2087. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Judicial Pay Commission has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the major recommendations of commission; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to introduce uniform policy for method of recruitment and retirement age of judicial officers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major recommendations of the First National Judicial Pay Commission relate to amalgamation of multiple cadres in judicial service into three uniform cadres, independent cadre-wise pay scales, pay scales of judicial officers to be linked with the pay of High Court Judges, joint responsibility of the Centre and the States in expenditure on administration of justice in the States, increase in the retirement age, other fringe benefits, constitution of All India Judicial Service etc.

(c) As per its terms of reference, the Commission has sent its recommendations including those relating to uniform policy for method of recruitment and retirement age of judicial officers to all the State Governments. The recommendations are under examination in so far as they relate to the Central Government.

Ammendment of Chartered Accountants Act, 1949

2088. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has suggested amendments to the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to bring amendments to the Act?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amendment proposals are under consideration of the Government. The Government proposes to introduce an Amendment Bill for amending the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 in Parliament during the coming Budget Session.

Reconciliation Centres in States

2089. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of reconciliation centers have been set up in Gujarat to overcome the burden of Court cases;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to set up such centers in other States to reduce the burden of Court cases;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to give any direction to other States for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The implementation of legal aid programmes under the